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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT. National Theatre-T. W. Keens. "Oth-

Ford's Opera-House Barry & Fay. Theatre Comique - Variety. Skating Rink - Spiendid parties each

Congregational Church—Rev. T. De Witt Talmage's lecture. THE 'orn of the 'unter is 'eard in the land. It is the tin born of the juvenile searcher for sweetmeats and Christmas

THE New York Herald, editorially, says of the acts of Mayor Low, of Brooklyn, who was elected on a reform ticket about a year ago: "This is no kind of reform." This is rough on Mayor Low.

THERE was a popular upheaval yesterday against the action of Congress in vot-ing itself a holiday. An editor was killed in North Carolina, and there was an earthquake in New Hampshire.

THE vile and venal New York Time wanted to say something mean about Mr. Olmstead to-day, but stops just before it gets to the point, showing it is as cowardly as it is mean and mendacious.

SEVERAL distinguished Army officers have petitioned Congress to authorize brevet commissions to those officers en-gaged in Indian warfare. There is no good reason why their prayer should not be granted and many why it should. Con-gress should take action at this session.

THE pretense that the Mississippi River levees are intended to or do aid navigation received yesterday another home thrust at the hands of Major Henry Richardson, State Engineer of Louislana, in charge of levees. This gentleman was before the Burrows Special Committee yesterday and testified with the utmost honesty and mirefe, that he "had considered levees in his operations as a means of protecting land from overflow, and not as an improvement to navigation, though he thought it would incidentally be an improvement."

The constitutional theory of levees, the only one by which the interference of the United States can be defended or tolerated, is that levees are built primarily to improve the navigation of the river, and that whatever protection they afford to the con-tiguous lands is secondary or incidental only. The truth is, levees are only calculated to protect the adjacent lands from overflow, and a river mighty as the Missovernow, and a liver mignly at the ansa-issippi it is beyond the power of man to control. All the money in the Treasury, surplus and all, may be spent in the at-tempt—but it will be in vain. The Mississippi, like the Yellow River of China, will break the barriers, flood the country and carry death and destruction through-out the land. This is the lesson of experience. Let us profit by it. Instead of trying to control Nature against her will, let us assist her, and then we will find the problem of the Great River an easy oneso easy that when it is once accomplished the River Commission will seek some re-tired spot and kick itself black and blue for not having sense enough to see that outlets are the remedy for the Mississippi

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An Important Pension Bill.

Mr. Platt in the Sonate yesterday reported from the Committee on Pensions a bill which has an important bearing moon many pending pension cases. It is as follows: "That nothing contained in the act entitled 'an act to amend section 4702, tills 57, Revised Statutes of the United States, and for other purposes,' approved August 7, 1882, shall be construed or operate to change the date of the commencement of widows' pensions, as provided in the second section of the net of March 3, 1879."

The act, the construction of which the bill reported by Mr. Platt is to define, provides that in case of the death or disability of a soldier, his widow, or children, shall beganfuled to the same pension as he would have been entitled to, dating from his death or disability. The act which this latter act amonds provides that unless the application for such pension shall be made prior to the 1st of July, 1880, it chall date with the application and not with the death or disability of the person on whose account the pension is granted. There are excepted from this limitation claims in behalf of incane persons and children under 16 years of age. Widows are now proposed by Mr. Platt's bill to be also included within the, exceptions. An Important Pension Bill.

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the bedside of his sick father, Rev. Peter
Light Wilson, at Johnsville, Prederick County,
has returned to the city, and reports his father
temperarily relieved. The Rev. Mr. Wilson is
well-known in Baltimore, where he is a member of the M. P. Conference, and where he lind
charge of Greene-Street Church and afterward Broadway Church from 1865 to 1850,
when his health failed and he became financial agent of the Western Maryland College. Mr. Wilson is 60 years old.

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